

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Rockville provides six special collections per household each calendar year. Special collections are for large refuse that does not fit into carts, such as couches or desk. Special collections are also for large metal items such as refrigerators or grills that the City will recycle. Call 240-314-8568 weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., to schedule an appointment. Place items at the street curb or alleyway by 6 a.m., in an unobstructed area on the scheduled date. Special collections are limited to less than 499 pounds or 60 cubic feet.

Accepted Special Collections Items: Bulk Refuse and Large Metal Items

✓ EXAMPLES	⊘ NOT ACCEPTED
Bulk Refuse: <i>(cut large items into sections no longer than 8 feet)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Fencing and landscape ties✓ Furniture and toys (non-plastic)✓ Lumber and remodeling debris✓ Pianos✓ Plate glass✓ Rugs/carpet, mattress/box spring✓ Window frames-nonmetal <i>(remove glass)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⊘ No gasoline⊘ No concrete footings on fencing, swings⊘ No cinder blocks, bricks, broken concrete, large rocks <i>(place in Refuse cart)</i>⊘ No sod, soil, old mulch <i>(place in Refuse cart)</i>⊘ No plastic furniture/toys <i>(see Single-Stream Recycling section for disposal)</i>⊘ No bamboo <i>(see Yard Waste section for disposal)</i>⊘ No microwaves <i>(see Electronics Recycling section for disposal)</i>⊘ No oil <i>(see Household Hazardous Waste section for disposal)</i>
Large Metal Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Air conditioners, water heaters✓ Automobile tire rims, hoods, fenders, doors✓ Doors <i>(no glass – remove glass and place in gray refuse cart)</i>✓ Fencing <i>(must be in sections not to exceed 8 feet)</i>✓ Lawn mowers <i>(drain oil and gas)</i>✓ Propane tanks <i>(empty, no valve)</i>✓ Outdoor furniture and grills✓ Scrap metal✓ Sheds <i>(dismantled)</i>✓ Swing sets <i>(dismantled, concrete removed)</i>✓ Washers, dryers, stoves, toasters, refrigerators <i>(secure doors)</i>	

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Rockville will collect household hazardous waste by appointment. Call 240-314-8568 weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., to schedule an appointment. Instructions for how to set materials out for collection will be provided when the appointment is scheduled.

Accepted Household Hazardous Waste (HAZMAT) Items: Liquids, Chemicals, Other Non-Burning Materials

✓ EXAMPLES	⊘ NOT ACCEPTED
Liquids and Chemicals: <i>(must be in original containers or in a clearly marked container; then placed in a box labeled “HAZMAT”)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Acids/caustics <i>(cleaning and pool chemicals)</i>✓ Aerosol cans, with fluid <i>(place emptied cans in recycling cart)</i>✓ Motor oil, antifreeze, brake fluid <i>(no more than 4 jugs)</i>✓ Pesticides, poisons, insecticides✓ Oil-based paint	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⊘ No gasoline⊘ No tire rims <i>(see Special Collections section for disposal)</i>⊘ No latex paint <i>(solidify and place in refuse cart)</i>
Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Car batteries and passenger tires <i>(no more than 4 per collection, rims removed)</i>✓ Compact fluorescent bulbs	

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Electronic recycling is collected periodically. Read *Rockville Reports*, watch Rockville Channel 11, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse or call 240-314-8568 for dates of upcoming collections. In addition, self-hauling to the Montgomery County Transfer Station (16101 Frederick Road) is an option. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov or call 240-777-6410 for more information.

Accepted Electronic Recycling Items: Computer Parts and Accessories, Phones, Pagers

✓ EXAMPLES	⊘ NOT ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Camcorders, digital cameras✓ Cell phones, telephones, pagers, chargers✓ Computers, monitors, printers, copiers, modems, scanners, fax machines, calculators✓ Cords and cables✓ Small electronic appliances and toys✓ Televisions, VCR, CD, DVD players (limit of 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⊘ No large appliances <i>(see Special Collections section for disposal)</i>

Special Notes:

- Report a missed collection or damaged/missing cart, obtain more information or provide comments at www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse or call the Recycling and Refuse Division at 240-314-8568 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- If you are physically unable to wheel the carts to the curb, complete an application for back door collection at www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse or call the Recycling and Refuse Division at 240-314-8568.
- Each cart is registered to a specific address and will be picked up when you move. There will be a charge for carts that are taken.
- If your household has been designated by the City as an “exception” from the use of the wheeled carts, you can still choose to use carts if you are able to wheel them to the curb. Otherwise, your refuse should be placed in 32-gallon trash cans or plastic bags and your recycling should be replaced in your blue bin. All other aspects of the once-per-week, curbside recycling and refuse program apply to your household.
- Report dead animals to the City’s Animal Control Division at 240-314-8930.



How to Choose a Cart:

- Recycling and Refuse carts are available in a choice of four sizes: 32, 48, 64 and 96 gallons.
- It is recommended that households choose carts to accommodate the largest expected recycling and refuse weeks of the year, such as holidays or when hosting house guests.
- In some cases, households may need an additional cart or a larger or smaller cart. Call 240-314-8568 for assistance.



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City of Rockville Recycling and Refuse Guide



The City of Rockville provides once-per-week, curbside recycling, refuse and yard waste collections, as well as special, HAZMAT and electronic recycling collections, from single-family homes.

The City of Rockville’s recycling and refuse program is easy, comprehensive and environmentally-friendly. Single-stream and expanded plastics recycling allows residents to recycle more items than they have previously. Recycling is mandatory. This guide provides details on the program.

How the Program Works:

- Place brown recycling carts and gray refuse carts at the curb or alleyway (depending on your collection location) by 6 a.m. You should place items out the night before collection.
- Place carts with wheels to the curb and the lid opening to the street.
- The maximum cart weight is 165 pounds.
- After collection, carts must be removed from the curb or alleyway within 24 hours.
- Place yard waste at the curb or alleyway in accepted containers or bags; brush should be organized for easy collection.
- If you have more recycling or refuse than your carts can hold, call 240-314-8568 to schedule one of six special collections per year. If you consistently have more recycling or refuse than your carts can hold, call to request a larger cart or a second cart.



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WEEKLY SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING: BROWN CARTS

Rockville operates a curbside single-stream recycling program. Place all recycling in the brown cart. Recycling items can be mixed together. Keep the lid closed to avoid spilling recyclables. Place oversized plastic items that will not fit in the cart next to the cart and label as recycle.

Accepted Recycling Items: Mixed Paper, Cardboard, Aluminum Products, Metal Food and Beverage Containers, Glass Food and Beverage Containers (Bottles and Jars), Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Rigid Plastics



✓ EXAMPLES	⊘ NOT ACCEPTED
Mixed Paper: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Books – paperback and hard cover✓ Colored paper✓ Greeting cards, postcards, card stock✓ Mail, envelopes (<i>windows okay</i>)✓ Magazines, catalogs✓ Newspapers, advertisements, inserts✓ Paper bags✓ Phone books✓ Shredded paper (<i>place shredded paper in a paper bag within the brown cart</i>)✓ Wrapping paper (<i>no foil</i>)✓ Writing/ledger/fax paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⊘ No paper towels, facial tissues, napkins⊘ No cigarette packs⊘ No candy wrappers⊘ No waxed or plastic coated paper⊘ No needles, razor blades, syringes (<i>See Refuse section for disposal</i>)⊘ No newspapers in plastic bags
Cardboard: (<i>flattened boxes to maximize cart space</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Boxes with windows✓ Cereal and cake boxes (<i>throw away plastic or wax liners in the gray refuse cart</i>)✓ Gift boxes✓ Milk cartons, juice boxes✓ Pizza and frozen food boxes✓ Shoe boxes✓ Toilet paper and paper towel rolls✓ Toothpaste and tissue boxes✓ Wax-coated boxes/containers (<i>frozen food, Chinese</i>)	
Tin and Aluminum: (<i>must be rinsed, no need to remove labels</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Aerosol cans (<i>empty, if not see Household Hazardous Waste section for disposal</i>)✓ Metal lids✓ Pet food cans✓ Pots and pans✓ Soup and vegetable cans✓ Tins from cookies and popcorn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⊘ No scrap metal⊘ No paint cans⊘ No aluminum siding⊘ No metal furniture⊘ No propane tanks⊘ No automotive parts (<i>See Special Collections section for disposal</i>)
Foil: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Foil wrap and aluminum foil✓ Pie plates	
Food and Beverage Bottles and Jars: (<i>rinsed, no need to remove labels, remove metal lids and place separately in brown cart</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Clear and colored glass	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⊘ No glass dishes, glass windows, plates, Pyrex, ceramics, mirrors, light bulbs or crystal (<i>See Refuse section for disposal</i>)

✓ EXAMPLES continued	⊘ NOT ACCEPTED continued
Plastics: (<i>lids acceptable, must be rinsed, no need to remove labels</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Caps✓ Cleaner containers (<i>window, toilet, etc.</i>)✓ Detergent and bleach containers✓ Flower pots✓ Furniture✓ Milk/water jugs✓ Plastic bags, film, shrink wrap, bubble wrap (<i>placed within 1 bag and tied</i>)✓ Plastic cups✓ Plastic spoons, forks, knives✓ Salad dressing bottles✓ Shampoo bottles✓ Soda/juice bottles✓ Straws✓ Sunscreen/medicine bottles✓ Syrup bottles✓ Toys✓ Yogurt and margarine containers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⊘ No automotive fluid bottles – oil, antifreeze, brake fluid*⊘ No pesticide containers*⊘ No Styrofoam⊘ No PVC pipe, rubber tubing⊘ No vinyl siding⊘ No flexible water hosing⊘ No food containers (<i>clear, clear top/brown bottom, clear top/styrofoam bottom, or clamshell food containers usually for take-out food and fruits/vegetables</i>) <p><i>*Containers that are empty, can be placed in the gray refuse cart.</i></p>

WEEKLY YARD WASTE

Rockville operates a curbside yard waste collection program. Place your yard waste in biodegradable, paper lawn bags or 32-gallon trash cans (weight must be 50 pounds or less). Place branches and sections of trees in bundles and holiday trees at the curb or alleyway in an unobstructed area.



Accepted Yard Waste Items: Lawn and Garden Waste, Branches, Trees and Shrubs, Holiday Trees, Seasonal Leaves

✓ EXAMPLES	⊘ NOT ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Bamboo✓ Branches✓ Flowers (<i>remove dirt</i>)✓ Garden waste✓ Grass clippings✓ Leaves✓ Live holiday trees and wreaths (<i>remove metal base stands, nails and decorations, no plastic bags</i>)✓ Pruning debris✓ Stumps, sections of trees (<i>individual limbs not to exceed 2 feet in diameter or 8 feet in length</i>)✓ Weeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⊘ No dirt, rocks, sod (<i>Place in Refuse cart</i>)⊘ No debris in plastic bags⊘ No pumpkins/tree fruit (<i>Place in Refuse cart</i>)⊘ No old mulch (<i>Place in Refuse cart</i>)
Seasonal Leaf Collection: <i>Leaf vacuuming occurs during the first two weeks of April and between October and December. Rake leaves to the street curb. Remove limbs, rocks and other heavy objects. Read Rockville Reports, watch Rockville Channel 11, or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/leaf.htm for your specific collection dates. After these dates, leaves may still be set out in paper lawn bags or 32-gallon trash cans with yard waste on collection day.</i>	

WEEKLY REFUSE: GRAY CARTS

Rockville provides once-per-week refuse collection. Refuse is everything that fits inside the cart that is not recycling, yard waste or hazardous waste. Place refuse in the gray cart. Use plastic trash bags to collect trash before placing inside the cart and to keep the cart clean. Keep the lid closed to avoid spilling trash or attracting animals and to minimize odors.

Accepted Refuse Items: Non-recyclable Glass and Aluminum, Non-recyclable Paper and Cardboard, Non-recyclable Plastic, Organic Waste, Sharp Objects



✓ EXAMPLES	⊘ NOT ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Ashes-cold (<i>must be in a sealed plastic bag</i>)✓ Batteries (AA, AAA, etc.)✓ Cigarette packs✓ Crystal, dishes, plates (<i>glass or plastic</i>)✓ Cinder blocks, bricks, broken concrete✓ Diapers (<i>must be in a sealed plastic bag</i>)✓ Dirt, rocks, sod, soil✓ Fluorescent tubes (<i>large quantities should be collected as Household Hazardous Waste</i>)✓ Food scraps✓ Glass (<i>Pyrex, mirrors, ceramics</i>)✓ Light bulbs✓ Needles, razor blades, syringes (<i>place into a rigid, non-penetrable container, such as a plastic soda bottle</i>)✓ Old mulch✓ Paint cans-latex (<i>paint cans must be emptied or solidified; lids off</i>)✓ Pet waste and litter (<i>must be in a sealed plastic bag</i>)✓ Pumpkins/tree fruit✓ Styrofoam✓ Take-out containers (<i>clamshell</i>)✓ Vacuum bags✓ Waxed/foil-coated paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⊘ No recyclables (<i>See the Single-Stream Recycling section for details</i>)⊘ No yard waste (<i>See the Yard Waste section for details</i>)⊘ No Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (<i>See Household Hazardous Waste section for disposal</i>)⊘ No Bamboo (<i>See Yard Waste section for disposal</i>)

Holiday Collection

- Collections will not be made on the following holidays:
- New Year’s Day
 - Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
 - Memorial Day
 - Independence Day
 - Labor Day
 - Thanksgiving Day
 - Christmas Day

If one of the above holidays falls on a weekday and your regularly scheduled collection is on that day or after, your collection will be delayed by one day. Friday collection will be done on Saturday. The following week’s collections will return to the regular schedule.

240-314-8568

Paper lawn bags are available for sale at the Cashier’s Office at City Hall. Call 240-314-8425 for more information.

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